

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Feast of St. Matthew
September 18, 2022
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude Gigue Fugue in C major Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn THE OLD HUNDREDTH

"All people that on earth do dwell"



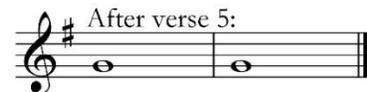
ALL: 1. All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
ALL: 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed, with - out our aid he
CHOIR: 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
CHOIR: 4. For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
ALL: 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heav'n and



cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come
did us make: we are his folk he doth us feed, and
courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al - ways, for
ev - er - sure; his truth at all times firm - ly stood, and
earth a - dore, from us and from the an - gel host be



ye be - fore him and re - joice.
for his sheep he doth us take.
it is seem - ly so to do.
shall from age to age en - dure.
praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.



A - men.

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be **God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *(said by all)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria – S280

Sung by all

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

Sung by the choir

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵ Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-17

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 632

MUNICH

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

Beloved in Christ, let us lift up our supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings for ourselves and for all people. Let us pray, saying “We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**”

We make our prayers for all Church leaders; especially for Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for Jeff, our Bishop-Elect, and for Marissa, our Rector. May all those called to be heralds and apostles serve you, the Church, and the world in all godliness and dignity.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

We make our prayers for leaders, for kings and queens, for presidents and government officials, for all who are in high positions. May they make laws that protect the poor and promote justice. Set their hearts on truth.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

O God you created the heavens and the earth. Give us the courage and diligence to care for your creation. Grant us to live at peace and harmony with all the works of your hands.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

God, we have had more than enough of violence and bloodshed. So let your compassion be swift to meet us. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

We pray for the poor and the needy. We thank you that you remember those we too often ignore and disregard. Give us grace to proclaim to every person the good news of your love and faithfulness.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

We pray for those among us who have asked for our prayers, especially for Bill, Parker, Andy, Liz, Ann, Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Dann and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); and we remember before you those who serve in the military, especially Matthew and those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own intercessions*); have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

We make our prayers for all who have died, especially [____ and] those we now name. *Silence.* We thank you that you sent Christ Jesus to humankind, that through him everyone might come to the knowledge of your salvation.

We bless your name, O Lord, **from this time forth forevermore.**

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Jon Woods, Betsy Hulse, Becky Hudspeth, Lisa Williams, Jack Hall and Kate Jarvis.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

Almighty God, source of true justice and peace, in you there is no distinction of persons, for in you we are equally loved. Reconcile us that we may live and work with each other and with you to establish your Kingdom on earth where there is no poverty, war, or any oppression, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

—*Manual of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross*

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

John Stainer (1840–1901)

God so loved the world

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

— *John 3:16–17*

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation *sung by all* THE OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus – S129

Sung by all

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and son, that with Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem – S169

Sung by all

setting by Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced, lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymn 281

BRESLAU

“He sat to watch o’er customs paid”

If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 410

LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in G major

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

Worship Leaders

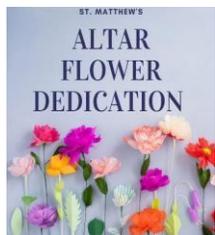
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Anne Newton
<i>Lectors</i>	Lorena Morales Aparicio, Amy Gubner
<i>Intercessor</i>	Kim Hall
<i>Acolyte</i>	Lily Cristini
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Counters</i>	Bill Brautigam, Rob Kyle

Prayer Requests *Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for six weeks. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.*

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Bill, Parker, Andy, Liz, Ann, Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Marge, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington. Children and Children's ministries; and ministries for children with special needs.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media.

A \$75 donation is suggested.

Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

Weekly Calendar – September 11 – September 18

Sunday, September 18

10:00am

10:15am

11:30am

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)

Church School

St. Matthew's Day – Joint Fall Kick Off

Monday, September 19

7:00-9:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, September 20

11:00 am

Staff meeting

7:00-9:00pm

Finance Committee meeting

Thursday, September 22

7:30pm-9:00pm

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 25

9:15am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Update meeting

10:00am

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)

10:15am

Church School

11:30-1:00pm

Vestry meeting

Join Choir!

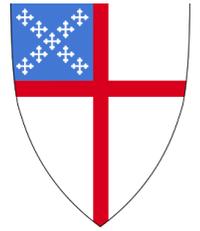
Our Chorister program offers a first-rate musical education in a friendly, fun, and safe environment. Beginning at Kindergarten, this program is open to all children. Find out more about rehearsal times on www.stmatthewswilton.org/choir or contact Andrew, our Director of Music, to get involved: andrew@stmatthewswilton.org

St. Matthew's Church Choir (high-schoolers and adults) meets on Thursday evenings and is open to anyone regardless of musical experience or faith background.



Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

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